

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-7 stand objected to for informalities. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 1-7 would be allowable but for the objection to claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended in response to the objection thereto in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, thus claims 1-7 remain pending for further consideration.

No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-7 stand objected to because in claim 1, lines 11-12, the limitation "a data electrode line formed on the second insulating substrate and intersecting the first and second gate lines" should be interpreted as "a data electrode line formed on the second insulating substrate and having two-dimensionally intersecting the first and second gate lines (to define a pixel area)". (Emphasis added.)

In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite "a data electrode line formed on the second insulating substrate and having two-dimensionally intersecting the first and second gate lines", as suggested by the Examiner. (Emphasis added.)

Further, it is respectfully suggested that the further parenthetical limitation of "(to define a pixel area)" as suggested by the Examiner is not an indispensable limitation, since the first and second gate lines may be formed inside the pixel area.

Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding objection to claims 1-7 and respectfully request early allowance of the claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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